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NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING NOVEL POINT MUTATIONS ON mGluR2 AND mGluR3, POLYPEPTIDES WITH SAID MUTATIONS, AND METHODS OF USING SAID NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES, AND SAID POLYPEPTIDES, TO IDENTIFY, PREDICT AND EVALUATE SPECIFIC, SELECTIVE MODULATORS WHOSE ASSOCIATION TO mGluR2 OR mGluR3 IS EFFECTED BY SAID MUTATIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application, which is a 371 of PCT/US03/28470, international filing date of September 11, 2003.

Any fees associated with the submission of this amendment can be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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